AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, line 6, above the heading "Background of the Invention":

This application is a Continuation of co-pending Application No. 09/333,266, filed on June 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 10-167083 filed in Japan on June 15, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.